(d) As stated in reply to part (a) of the Question, in view of the limited availability of levy cement, the requirements of State Governmnets for levy cement are net obtained on a regular basis. The allocation to the States is made on a quarterly basis after estimating cement production and taking into account the availability of levy cement in each quarter. In quarter 1/88 (Jan-March, 1988) Gujarat State was allocated a quantity of 37, 200 M. T.

Hike in the Dvug prices

3465. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY: "Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item -which appeared in the Economic Times of 15th Mrach 198S under the heading "Drug prices may go up by 15 per cent";

(b) if so, whether i'c is a fact that "the prices of empicillin, Amoxycillin, Gentamycin, Erythromycin, Chlorem-phenicol, Cephalexin, and other Antibiotics are already very high;

(c) whether it is ahc a fact that the prices of Vitamin preparations will go up tremendjusly due to increase of MAPE from 60 per cent to 100 per cent on combination of vitamins, price decontrol of bulk vitamins as well as single in^-edient branded -vitamins finished med'e'nes and due to -withdrawal of exemption of excise duty; and

(d) what are the names of finished antibiotics and vltamVi preparations whose prices have gme up after the announcement of DPCO 1987 and how much further increase is expected due "to withdrawal of exemption of excise duty?

THE MINISTER *Oil* INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): fa) Yes, Sir.

(b) The prices of ' ugs referred to in the question are regulated as the provisions of DPCO, 1987.

(c) The prices of combinations containing vitaminfsl ar_e also regulated as per provisions o{ DPCO, 1987. The producers of no: -scheduled single ingredient vitamin preparatunj are free to revise the p oes products as per provisions Of DDSCO 1SJ87.

(d) The over impact of the new excise duty structure is yet to be assessed;

Sales turn-over of Saridon, etc.

3466 DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state;

(a) what was the sales turn-over and share in the market of Saridon, Equagesic, Esgipyrine, Vovern taken into consideration by the Kelkar Committee;

(b) whether Government have verified the sales turn-over and market share of each as per DRG; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER CF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL, RAO):
to (c) Sales turn-over of formulations is not monitored.

Inclusion of vaccines under Category I

3467. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY:
SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY toe pleased to state:

(a) whether the Kelkar Committee and Government have received a number of representations for inclusion of vaccines to combat Diptheria, Tetanus and Triple Antigen tinder Category I of price control;

(b) if so, what is the number of such representations received and